12th March 1960]

Copper ore at Veppur

*328 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தென்னூற்காடு ஜில்லா வெப்பூரிலும், திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி ஜில்லா ஓலபாடியிலும், செம்புக்கனி எடுப்பதுப்பற்றி நிபுணர்களால் ஏதாவது பரிசோதனை நடத்தப்பட்டதா?

(ஆ) அவ்வாறு பரிசோதனை நடத்தப்பட்டிருப்பின் விவரங்கள் யாவை?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Preliminary investigation on the occurrence of copper in Kallakurichi taluk in South Arcot district only has been made by the Geological Survey of India. No recent investigation has been made in respect of copper ore in Tiruchirappalli district.

(*b*) Sulphide mineralization has been found in some places. The Geological Survey of India has proposed to conduct a detailed investigation of the occurrence of copper ore in South Arcot district with a view to assess the economic possibilities.

Foodgrains

MR. SPEAKER: I think questions 329, 330, 331 and 332 may be taken up together. They all relate to foodgrains.

*329 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to fix floor price of paddy and grains?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: No, Sir.

*330 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any decisions have been taken in December 1959 to create buffer stock of rice in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No decision was taken in December 1959 regarding the creation of buffer stock of rice in the State.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*a*).

*331 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to procure samba rice during the next harvest;

(*b*) if so, the quantity to be procured; and

(*c*) the reason for such procurement?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of answer to clause (*a*).